



JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT . . . Getting ready for the Torrance Junior Tennis Tournament, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, are Tom Bozarth, James Cerami, Cynthia Lehto, Lucretia Trotter, and Coach Bob Von Drak. Play got under way at North and South High Schools on Monday, with finals at Torrance High today. Play will be by age brackets.

Mayor Answers Critic Following Local Anti-Communist Gathering

Criticism of Mayor Albert Isen in connection with the appearance of Dr. Fred Swartz at an anti-communist rally here Friday night was aired in an open letter sent to the HERALD this week by Richard D. Terry of 21617 Paul Ave.

In his letter, Terry was critical because Mayor Isen left before the meeting had been concluded.

Contacted by the HERALD, Mayor Isen said he had been asked to make a presentation at the meeting with the understanding that he would have to leave early because of prior commitments.

THE TEXT of Terry's Complaint:

Friday night Dr. Fred Swartz, the great anti-communist fighter, gave a speech in the Torrance High School auditorium. The work of this man and his Christian Anti-Communist Crusade should be known to everyone. Only a minute percentage of the population has any knowledge about communism. It also appears that our political leaders are among the most ignorant about the communist conspiracy. For example, Vice President Johnson has stated on several occasions that our greatest danger lies from attack from outside this country, rather than from within. He should lift up his telephone and call J. Edgar Hoover.

I was disappointed that the auditorium Friday night was not filled to capacity to hear Dr. Swartz. I attempted to sit in the front row but I was told that these seats were reserved for City Officials. Great! It is truly heart warming to know that our representatives are taking an interest in the hazards of communism. But what happened? Only two officials showed up: you Mayor Isen and a policeman representing the Chief of Police. Where were the other City Councilmen, the School Board etc?

"MAYOR ISEN you were introduced and received a nice applause. We could see that you were physical present. But after the introduction, and after Dr. Swartz began to speak, you walked out. You did not show any urgency, and no one passed a message to you that you were needed elsewhere. I know because I was sitting behind you.

"What reason or reasons could you possibly give that would justify your actions, and to show such discourtesy? What work in the city is more important than the spread of communism? Did you know

that the Russians have stated that they will have the United States under communism before 1973, and they feel they are ahead of schedule? Unless the public is informed we have no chance at all. Without City, State, and Nation leaders who fully understand the hazards which we are faced with, we are doomed.

"My personal conclusion regarding your actions Friday night is that your appearance was purely for show and political. If I am unfair, I apologize. But the least you can do is to tell the people of Torrance what was more important than Dr. Swartz's talk. The action (or lack of action) by other city officials speak for themselves they did not even bother to show up."

MAYOR ISEN'S reply:
"I was contacted three days before the meeting and asked to welcome the audience to Torrance and to present the proclamation I had issued regarding anti-communist week. "The invitation was extended to me by Mr. Rea, a co-chairman of the meeting. I advised him at the time that I had a prior commitment which I could not break, and would have to leave the meeting by 9 p.m. He was aware of this.

"ON FRIDAY, I had four different meetings during the noon and evening hours at which I represented the city. I also had three previous evening meetings in the days prior to Friday's meeting, and each required my presence for city business. "I arrived at the Friday meeting at 8 p.m. and stayed until 9 p.m. as agreed. "I was given no opportunity to present the proclamation or the resolution of the city council against communism which I had with me. "I am trying to do a job which requires half of my working and free time in the interest of all of the people of Torrance.

"In my opinion, Mr. Terry has no monopoly on the feeling against the communist threat, or an exclusive on Americanism."

Courts Building May Have Fallout Shelter
County supervisors this week indicated they will apply for federal aid in building a fallout shelter in the Southern District Superior Courts Building to be built in the Torrance Civic Center. The commissioners approved provisions for the fallout shelter in drawing up specifications for an architectural contract for the building.



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